

Mr. Dulles:

Matt Baird tried to get in touch with the Commandant of the Industrial War College, but in his absence talked to Col. Kumpe, the Executive Officer for the Industrial War College. Matt explained to Col. Kumpe that while this particular film was probably fine for the use of the Industrial War College, it had certain deficiencies from an overall national intelligence point of view and he therefore did not feel that the DCI should, in effect, endorse this film by the National Intelligence Community which would be the effect if the DCI introduced the film as requested. Kumpe advised Matt that they at the Industrial War College felt the same way about the film and he asked if Matt would be good enough to talk to Col. Luker who is the head of the film production section here in Washington and explain to him some of the reservations we have concerning this production. Matt said he would be happy to do this and has made an appointment with Col. Luker for next week.

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24 November 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director
SUBJECT : Film Critique

1. The representatives of this office who reviewed with you the film produced on Communism at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces point out that the film is inadequate in several respects.

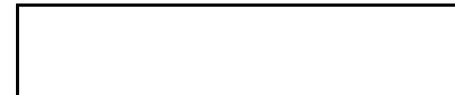
a. In the first place emphasis is placed largely on history and ideology of the early Communist movement. The Soviet Union and the power factors involved are not sufficiently introduced or emphasized as the real power behind the Communist movement today. The film skipped almost entirely any reference to the influence of Lenin on the Communist movement and it did not go into such important aspects as Communist organization and tactics which are key factors in its successes.

b. It might also be pointed out that conclusions made in the film were sweeping and extensive. There were in fact several inaccuracies. As a result of the sweeping conclusions and the comment that the Communist movement today controls one quarter of the globe and one third of the world's population, the film gave an impression of the forthcoming doom of our own system. There was furthermore an unfortunate implication that Marx was a scientist, therefore, Communism is scientific.

c. The technical presentation was inadequate. The graphic aids were not very well done nor entirely appropriate. The delivery was at times faltering. The commentator wore an American service uniform which seemed incongruous in dealing with a political subject.

2. Although the purpose of the film and the use to be made of it certainly seems highly commendable, it is felt by this office that in view of the cumulative effect of the adverse features of the film, it would be desirable for you to recommend to the Director that he not participate in the introduction to the film.

3. I am returning herewith the file of documents concerning this subject.



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MATTHEW BAIRD
Director of Training

Enclosures: Memo for the Director, 13 November 1958
Letter from Industrial College of the Armed Forces
to DCI, 6 November 1958, w/3 enclosures

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Remarks:

DCI discussed this at his Deputies Meeting on Friday, 28 November, and it was decided that the best way to handle this was for you to talk to the Commandant of the Industrial War College and say the DCI regrets he will be unable to introduce this film.

Will you please take action accordingly and return this material with appropriate note when accomplished?

Done, as per telcon 4 Dec.

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